

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Xiaoqing JIANG et al.

GAU: Unassigned

SERIAL NO: To be assigned

EXAMINER: Unassigned

FILED: February 13, 2006

FOR: THERMAL OPTICAL TYPE VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATOR AND AN ARRAY TYPE VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATOR USING SAME

PRIORITY REQUEST

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SIR:

- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number , filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number , filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
- ☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

COUNTRY

Japan

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- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☒ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☐ were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- ☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number .
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)
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Respectfully Submitted,

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